



I Baptize With Water
But One Mightier
Is Coming

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus”

“Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, may your kingdom come through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”

“Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, burning with love for us, set our hearts on fire with love for you.”

Mass Intentions

“Prayer for Priests” (From “Catholic Ottawa -- Fall 2009” by Fr. Tim)

Saturday December 12th

4:30 pm For the birthday intentions of Brianna Lalonde by the Urlocker/Lalonde family

Sunday December 13th

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Grace Bouwhuis by the Bouwhuis family

10:45 am For the intentions of Joyce Piovesan by Mom and Dad

10:45 am For the special intentions of the parishioners by the pastor

Tuesday December 15th

7:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Francis Opisso (friend of John) by John and Lisa Serjak

Wednesday December 16th St. Thomas Aquinas H.S.

Liturgy of the Word

8:30 am & 10:00 am

Thursday December 17th

9:am For the repose of the souls of Ray and Stella Cavanaugh by the Urlocker/Lalonde family

Friday December 18th

9:00 am For the healing of Cindy Wykurz by the Beaupre family

Saturday December 19th

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Ernest Laforce by Sandy Geerts

4:30 pm for the repose of the soul of Robert Joannette by the family

Sunday December 20th

9:00 am For the special intentions of the parishioners by the pastor

10:45 am For the repose of the soul of Ernest Laforce by by Howard and Marjery Riopelle

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY’S

Tuesday December 15 - Adult Choir Practice 7:30

Wednesday December 16 - ACE 7:00 pm Hall, Youth Choir Practice 7:00 pm, Temporal Affairs 7:00 pm

Thursday December 17- Parish Sacraments Program 7:00 pm

NEXT WEEK AT OUR LADY’S

Tuesday December 22 - Adult Choir Practice 7:30

Wednesday December 23 - ACE 7:00 pm Hall, Youth Choir Practice 7:00 pm

**Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish
Welcomes You !!!**

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A parish priest of our Archdiocese, who had been compared in eulogies to the Cure of Ars, once wrote: “no sooner had I arrived (at my new parish), seeing all the work I had to do, that I realized that if I were not helped by the prayers of many people, it would be difficult to obtain all the graces necessary to sanctify these souls.

One thought came to me incessantly in my meditation, especially before the Blessed Sacrament: in our times, more than ever, it is necessary to obtain for priests more numerous graces, in keeping with the more serious circumstances in which we are living. In my instructions and homilies, I often asked for the prayers of my parishioners and explained to them that it is a duty imposed on them by the Fourth Commandment of God, to pray for the priests, who are the spiritual fathers of the faithful.”

These words were written in the 1890’s by Fr. Alexis-Louis Mangin, pastor of Masson, Quebec (then part of the Archdiocese of Ottawa), and co-founder, with Eleonore Potvin, of the Servants of Jesus-Mary (1895). This congregation of contemplative and cloistered nuns dedicated to perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayer for priests continue their apostolate to this day at their Motherhouse in Hull.

When John Paul II visited their convent 25 years ago, on September 19th, 1984, he praised them for their “spiritual apostolate” that “supports the ministry of priests.” He added that without their prayer of praise and intercession, there would be in the Church “neither conversion, nor progress in the faith, nor vocations of apostolic labourers.”

As many contemplative orders decline in the Church, who will keep vigil with our Lord in adoration, to keep the flame of charity burning in the heart of the Church, to pray for conversions and vocations, for priests in their ministry? Perhaps it is time once again, during this Year of Priesthood, to call upon the lay people, as Fr. Alexis-Louis did with his parishioners back in the 1890’s, reminding them of the necessity of their prayers and hours of adoration for their spiritual fathers, the priests.

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December 13, 2009



Joyce Piovesan, Alex Bennett, Monica Baker, Brenda Henke, Kathy Mack, Jack Tyo, Mark Brewer and Pat Gates. If you would like a name added to this list please call the office.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Christmas Eve Masses:

Thursday December 24th, St-Thomas Aquinas High School at 5pm, and Church at 8pm and 10pm.

Christmas Day Mass:

Friday December 25th, Church at 9:00am and 10:45am

New Year's Masses:

Thursday December 31st, Church at 4:30pm

Friday January 1st, Church at 10:45am

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE: There will be a choir practice on Thursday December 17th here at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish at 7:00-7:30 to prepare for the (time) Christmas Eve childrens Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas. This choir is open to all children grades 2 and up who wish to sing for baby Jesus' birthday celebration Mass. Questions: contact Andrew or Sue Watson at 613-443-0115.

FOOD BANK: A reminder that our local food bank is still in need of non-perishable food items and monetary donations to buy other necessities for the poor of our area. (Income tax receipts available: Good Neighbours Food Bank, P.O. Box 985, Embrun, K0A 1W0).

PILGRIMAGE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL is available to go home with a family this week. To reserve a week to have her visit with you and your family, sign up on the sheet in Foyer.

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HELP WANTED: we have a paid position open to shovel snow at the front of the Church each day. Please note that you must be available during the day. Contact Kristine in the office for details 445-3054.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND (EAF): Please remember that the EAF is available to parishioners who find themselves in unexpected financial hardship. If you know someone in our parish who is in need of temporary financial relief, please contact Father Tim or Kristine Steele.

LAST CHANCE... MATHEW KELLY: an internationally acclaimed Catholic author and speaker. His "A Call to Joy" will inspire individuals and elevate families. Matthew Kelly is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Rhythm of Life*. More than three million people have attended his talks and seminars in over fifty countries. Mr. Kelly will be speaking at St. Joseph's/General Vanier School Auditorium in Cornwall at 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 15. To carpool to this event please call Kristine in the office 445-3054.

REMINDER: YOUR 2010 CHURCH ENVELOPES are available for pickup in the Church Foyer. If there is a change or correction in your address on the box please contact the office.

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL: is a convenient and efficient way to make weekly or monthly offerings. There are sign up envelopes in the foyer

SIGN OF PEACE: In the flu and cold season people are reminded that the rite of peace does not necessarily have to be expressed by a handshake. A simple greeting is acceptable.

COFFEE SUNDAY: We Serve Fair Trade Coffee!

Please remember this is a service to the parish. It is your donations that will keep it viable.

9:00 am Hosted by the CWL

10:45 am No volunteers

Let us continue our celebration by meeting with other parishioners after Masses.

OTHER NEWS:

Mark your calendar for the Spring 2010 Cursillo Weekends held locally in Orleans, Ontario. Cursillo is a spanish word for "short course" and participants will learn more about their Catholic faith in this course. Women's Weekend is March 11-14 and Men's Weekend is April 15-18. For details, please contact Faith Stephenson 613 445 5691

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

St. Catherine of Siena's Penitential Service will take place **Monday December 14th at 7:00 pm**. There will be several priests including Fr. Tim who will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This is an excellent opportunity for individual confession for both parents and children.

HELP NITE FOR SEPARATED OR DIVORCED CATHOLICS: Next session: January 21, 2010, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Pl. Marlene & Bob Neufeld of Healing Love Academy will discuss communication. Everyone is welcome. Info: Deacon Peter Lafleur, Family Ministry Office (plafleur@archottawa.ca).